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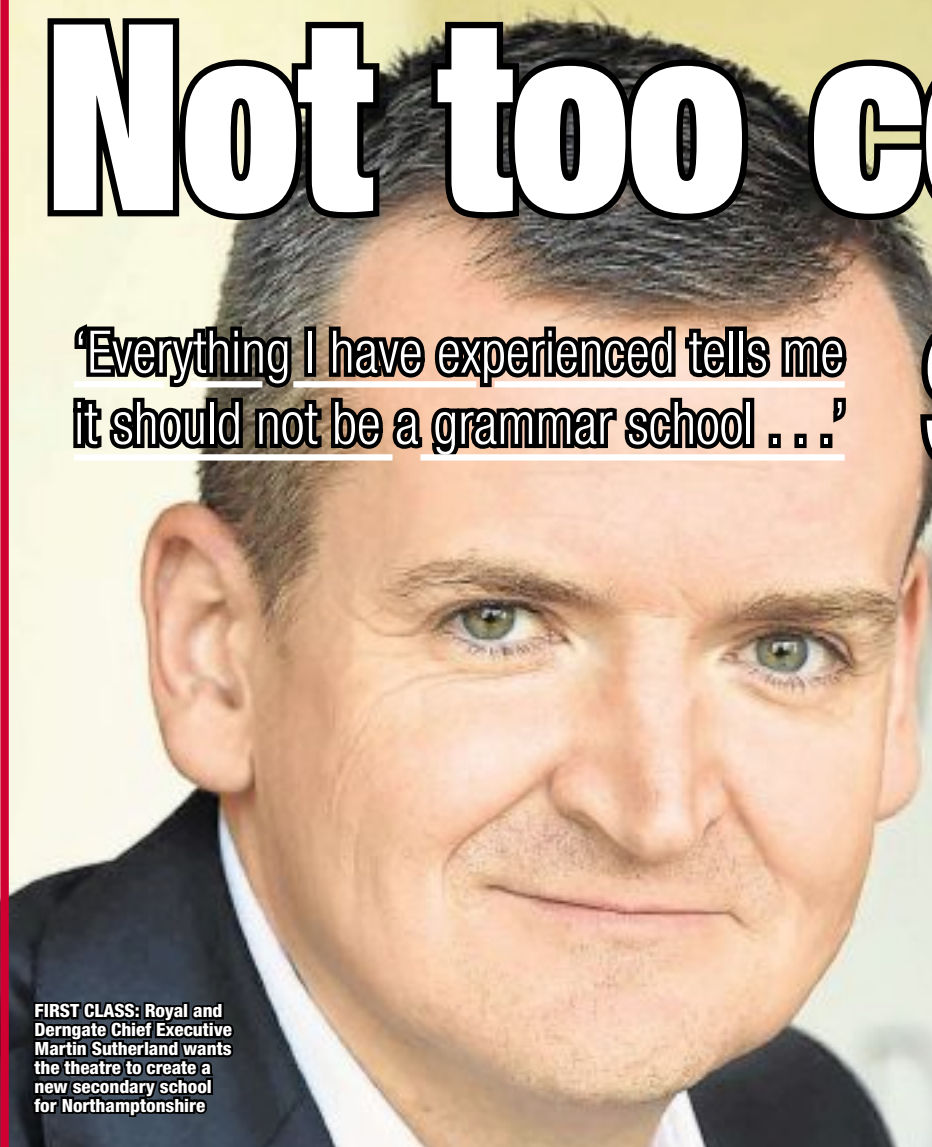
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Not too cool for school

'Everything I have experienced tells me it should not be a grammar school ...'



FIRST CLASS: Royal and Derngate Chief Executive Martin Sutherland wants the theatre to create a new secondary school for Northamptonshire

BY STEVE SCOLES
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The future Royal and Derngate school should not be a grammar according to the man who came up with the idea, theatre Chief Executive Martin Sutherland.

A five year plan to create a new school promoting creative and cultural excellence, a new cinema in Daventry and a pop-up opera house that can tour festivals was unveiled by Royal and Derngate on Sunday, marking the tenth year since the theatre's re-opening.

And now Mr Sutherland is asking Northampton to start a "big conversation" about what the Royal and Derngate school could be, although his own view is that it should not be selective.

"Everything I have experienced tells me that it should not be a grammar school, it should be comprehensive.

"We have to go to people and listen to what they want but personally, there will be at least one voice in the room saying it should be open to all," he said.

He is expecting the coming

months to see the biggest consultation process Royal and Derngate has ever been involved in.

"We're looking for the broadest possible range of contributions. We need to have a big conversation with all kinds of people, organisations, stakeholders and see what their needs are. It's also about what we think culture means. It's not going to be all leg warmers and leotards. Where are the digital creators of tomorrow going to come from? The game designers and graphic artists?

"We are going the Free School route which has been controversial in the past but we think we can be something different. We are already reaching out into the community around the county in all sorts of ways, so it's also about what does the Royal and Derngate mean to people?"

Martin says the idea came from a realisation there was nothing like it anywhere else, and although the UK is traditionally strong in the arts without growing the creators of tomorrow we could lose our world beating reputation.

■ **New school and cinema p9**



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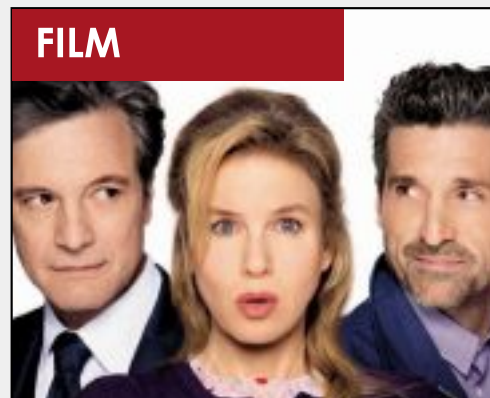
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What scares you?

Clown Politicians



Toby Park, who can be seen in Spymonkey's The Complete Deaths at Northampton's Royal & Derngate from October 17-19

What one song do you want played at your funeral?

If I'm cremated Prodigy's Fire Starter. If buried, ELO's Don't Bring Me Down and if my ashes are scattered Bob Dylan's Blowing in the Wind

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If Toby Park was a fruit what fruit would he be and why?

I would be a tinned peach because I am actually quite sweet but need to be kept contained

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Editor's Letter



Outbreak of clown appearances around the world is no joke

Halloween approaches and a peculiar custom invented in Northampton is spreading around the world - or the UK and the US at least.

People are donning hideous clown masks and unsettling strangers in ways that demonstrate varying degrees of subtlety.

The original Northampton Clown had a bit of style about him - a cinematic spookiness in which less was more and entirely in keeping with the skills of his media production student creator Alex Powell.

Grainy pictures of him forlornly observing the town's Victorian backstreets circulated like wildfire on social media.

Social media has moved on a little in the two years it has taken for this mini clown revival to take place.

There is more video. Video requires action.

Perhaps that is what lies behind the shambolically anti-social feel of the new outbreak of Clowndrels around the world.

Not content to lurk at the fringes and be noticed, the new creepy clowns are jumping out at people and ending up in situations that are turning nasty.

Someone has been charged with 'Clown violence'

If you set aside the individuals who are just using it as a cover to rob or fight with people, there are ludicrously ill judged moments such as the clowns who jumped out of a van and asked schoolchildren if they wanted to go to a birthday party.

Police around the world seem to be having a much harder time dealing with this outbreak than our original.

In America someone has been charged with 'Clown violence', people have been stabbed. It's not nice.

Curiously, Northamptonshire has not had much to deal with this time round.

Mind you... Alex Powell is considering pulling the mask back on.

Steve Scoles



NEWS IN BRIEF

Fake plane crash test

A plane crash will take place at Tresham College in Kettering on Sunday, but residents in the area are being urged not to be alarmed as the incident will be 'simulated' as part of a training exercise to test the county's emergency services' response.

Teen shot in the eye

A teenage boy was shot in the eye with a BB gun by two older boys who attempted to rob his bike in Grange Park, Northampton, on Friday, September 30. The 13-year-old boy needed hospital treatment.

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Craze may spark clown comeback



REAL DEAL: The Northampton Clown (above) has dropped a big hint of a return on Instagram (inset)

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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The Northampton Clown has dropped a big hint of a comeback, to 'show these foreign clowns who the real clown is'.

In recent weeks, the craze of people dressing up as clowns and standing in public areas has swept the world.

But the latest phenomenon - which first started with the Northampton Clown - has taken off with a more sinister side.

In the USA, people dressed up as clowns have been chasing people and jumping out at unsuspecting passers-by.

And in the UK, a teenage

boy in Newcastle was arrested last week for being in possession of a knife while dressed up as a clown.

Now, the Northampton Clown - who popped up in the town in 2013 before being unmasked as university student Alex Powell, has broken his silence.

He said in a post on Instagram on Monday: "Time to dust off this old thing and show these foreign clowns who the real clown is... #northamptonclown #original #halloween #comeback"

He also posted a picture of himself wearing the mask, inspired by the Pennywise character in Stephen King's

film It, with the costume hanging over a door.

When the figure first made his appearance in 2013, he was pictured popping up outside the National Lift Tower, Elm Street, the Cobblers Last statue and Abington Park.

As journalists from across the world flocked to the town to try to identify him, it was the H&P which made the exclusive breakthrough just three days after his first appearance. Editor Steve Scoles had come across a short movie on YouTube, created by Mr Powell, starring the same clown.

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sung by Frank Sinatra

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🎵 **Exactly Like You** sung by
Both these singers are my heroes.

🎵 **I Can't Give You Anything
But Love** sung by Tony
Bennett and Lady Gaga

Lady Gaga is a wonderful original.

🎵 **Everything is Nothing
Without You** sung by Dennis
Lotis

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Postcard sunset

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Plan to cap cabs

A freeze on the number of black cabs allowed to operate in Northampton could be imposed. Northampton Borough Council is to decide whether to enlist a company to find out if there are enough black cabs

Fire crew blocked

Badly parked cars on a street in Kettering held up a fire engine trying to get to a blaze in the town last month. Northants Fire & Rescue service are now urging people to allow room for the trucks to pass through when parking.

Taxi driver is robbed

Police are appealing for witnesses after a taxi driver was grabbed by the neck and robbed of his cash by two passengers in Kings Heath, Northampton on October 2.



Fire reduces Hall to ruins

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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Fire crews from three counties tackled a large fire which destroyed a historic country mansion.

More than 50 firefighters were called to battle the blaze which broke out at Cosgrove Hall, in South Northamptonshire near the Buckinghamshire border, on Friday afternoon.

Crews from Northants, Bucks and Bedfordshire had to use water from the nearby canal in their effort to control the fire.

But despite having the situation under control by the evening, the entire privately owned, Grade II listed building was gutted, with only the limestone skeleton remaining.

There were no reports of any injuries, and investigations into the cause of the fire are ongoing.

It is believed artwork by 18th century painter Sir Joshua Reynolds was destroyed in the fire, including his painting of Mary Anne Biggin, a former mistress of the house.

Sir Reynolds, who specialised in portraits, was the founder and first president of the Royal Academy of Arts. He was knighted by George III in 1769.

On the Cosgrove History website, which details the Hall's past, a statement was uploaded following the fire. It said: "You will all be aware of the recent terrible calamity of the fire and destruction of the Hall. The building is now extremely unsafe."

"We ask that you not venture near it for this sake, to recollect that it is still private property and to respect the feelings of the family who have seen their beautiful home destroyed."

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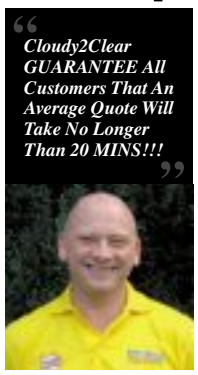
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Groomer jailed



A man has been jailed for the sexual grooming of a 14-year-old girl from Wellingborough who he arranged to meet.

Christopher Bygraves, 55, from Richbell Court, Bedford, was given a five-year sentence and was placed on the Sex Offenders' Register for life.

Tribute to Detox



Loved ones of Dylan Mazhindu, a 29-year-old Wellingborough musician who died in a collision last week, are to set up a foundation in his memory. It will help rising musicians from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Dylan grew up in Bedfordshire and was known as Detox.

Inside the mind of polar trekkers

A lecturer is to monitor the effects of an Antarctic trek on British Army Reservists

A University of Northampton expert will be analysing the effect of extreme and isolated conditions on the minds of six British Army Reservists when they embark on a three-month trek around Antarctica.

Dr Nathan Smith, lecturer in sport psychology, will be looking at the team's mindset as they explore the coldest, windiest and most inhospitable place on the planet.

The South Pole Army Reserves 2017 (SPEAR17) - a six man-team from the British Army Reserves (formerly known as the Territorial Army) - will endure temperatures as low as -50C during the challenge.

Next month the six men will be dropped on the coastline of Antarctica. From there they will attempt to ski over 1,100 miles, unsupported,

across the polar continent. The first leg will be to the Geographic South Pole.

Once there they will receive a supply of rations and fuel before continuing to complete a full traverse of Antarctica. This gruelling challenge has only ever been achieved by six people and never by a British team.

Each man will be hauling an individual sledge weighing approximately 140kg, which will contain everything he needs to survive.

The determined team will be completely self-sufficient, with no outside assistance until they reach the Pole.

The team will face many challenges; they will brave the harsh polar weather, navigate crevasses, endure whiteout conditions and undertake a climb from sea level to 10,000ft, all while pulling their sledges.

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STUDY: University of Northampton lecturer in sport psychology Dr Nathan Smith will research the effect of the trip on the team

The team will also experience extreme mental stress due to their isolation, lack of supplies and the extreme physicality of the challenge.

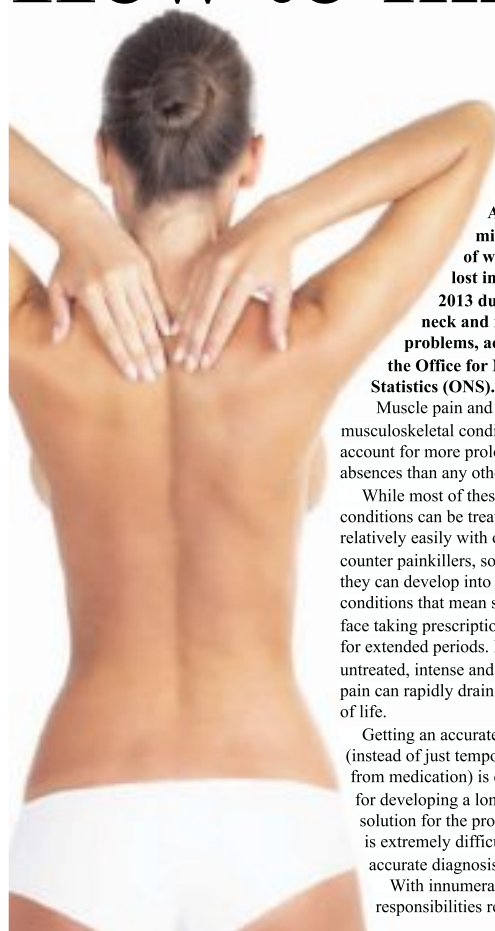
Dr Smith's research will investigate the team's psychological state throughout, and consider how easily they transition back into daily life afterwards.

He said: "The SPEAR17 expedition provides a unique opportunity to

collect data that will help understand how to monitor and support the psychological health of those undertaking expeditions in extreme settings.

"Using a structured diary study approach, we will be able to examine important indicators of daily stress, resilience and optimal functioning in extreme conditions of the Antarctic. A particularly unique dimension to the present work is the continuation of data collection in the post-expedition phase, which will tell us about the psychological experience of transitioning out of the expedition environment and into everyday life. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team for their support and wish them all the best in their incredible and ambitious endeavour."

How to find long-term relief from muscle pain



Almost 31 million days of work were lost in the UK in 2013 due to back, neck and muscle problems, according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Muscle pain and other musculoskeletal conditions account for more prolonged absences than any other ailment.

While most of these conditions can be treated relatively easily with over-the-counter painkillers, sometimes they can develop into chronic conditions that mean sufferers face taking prescription medicine for extended periods. Left untreated, intense and persistent pain can rapidly drain the joy out of life.

Getting an accurate diagnosis (instead of just temporary relief from medication) is essential for developing a long-term solution for the problem, but it is extremely difficult to get an accurate diagnosis.

With innumerable responsibilities requiring

more urgent attention than just "muscle pain" the NHS just isn't set up to find out what is really wrong. The typical tests, if you're given any at all, just don't pick up the problem that's causing the muscle pain. And in those cases all you're left with is weak advice like "you're just not stretching enough" or "maybe we can try some stronger medication".

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Then tear out this article and take it to your appointment to claim your special consultation rate and comprehensive examination. Don't put off your diagnosis and treatment a moment longer!

NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman assaulted

Police are appealing for witnesses after a woman was allegedly grabbed from behind by a man and pushed to the floor during an assault on The Racecourse in Northampton last Tuesday.

A 20-year-old man from the town has since been arrested in connection with the incident and released on police bail pending further enquiries.

Karthik's new fame

A Kettering businessman unveiled as one of the 18 candidates on BBC One's The Apprentice last Thursday ended up trending on Twitter for his monobrow.

Karthik Nagesan, 34, survived the first episode. Follow his second week in our live feed on our website.

Fishing gold dust

A Towcester auctioneer has reeled in some 'fishing gold dust' from the county's famous angler Bob Church, which will go on sale next Thursday.

JP Humbert Auctioneers will sell reels, rods and other equipment used by Bob, along with his fly box and 1,000 flies.

HQ for housing

Northampton Borough Council's cabinet is set to decide whether to agree terms for the purchase of the former power company building at the St Peter's Way roundabout. The aim would be to provide new headquarters for Northampton Partnership Homes, which is based at the Westbridge Depot.



COMING SOON: British Treasure, American Gold airs later this month

US reality TV star's show in county

A star of the US reality TV show Storage Hunters will bring his new collectables show 'British Treasure, American Gold' to Northamptonshire when it airs later this month.

Jesse McClure will be travelling across the UK searching for antiques

and collectables to send back to his family's antiques mall in LA.

Along the way, he will stop off in Northants and attend an auction at JP Humbert Auctioneers near Towcester, where he will meet its owner Jonathan Humbert.

Jesse will then take a

short trip to Tanks a Lot - based near Silverstone - which is a business owned by Mike Meads, who has been collecting tanks for 25 years.

Here, Jesse will purchase a military tank. The show will start on Quest at 8pm on October 19.

Theatre eyes school and cinema plan

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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Northampton's Royal & Derngate has revealed three major projects as it celebrates 10 years since its re-opening, including plans for a new arts-based school.

The theatre's initiatives, which it says will 'shape its future' and 'the cultural development of Northants', was announced at an event on Sunday marking its anniversary.

Its biggest proposal, for a new secondary school, is being put together with creative digital agency Balance, and would 'address a very real need locally, responding to the projected levels of population growth and the need for new school places as identified by the county council'.

Over the next three months, the theatre says it will be hosting a series of events and conversations to help bring the school plans together.

The two other projects are for a new filmhouse - similar to the Errol Flynn in Northampton - to be set up in Daventry, and for a new pop-up music-theatre.

The new cinema would include three screens, showing a mix of



FIVE YEAR PLAN: Royal & Derngate

mainstream and independent films as well as live screenings of opera, ballet and theatre productions. The project would be developed and operated by Royal & Derngate as tenants of Daventry District Council.

The music-theatre, which the theatre is working on with Studio Three Sixty, would see a portable venue called The Mix travel the country with productions from musicals to opera.

The Mix, which could be transformed into different layouts, would have auditorium seating for between 200 and 400 people.

A consortium of partners - including Scottish Opera, Musical Theatre Network, Perfect Pitch, Improbable, China Plate and Underbelly - have been gathered to commission, develop and support this.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Collision on A43

An 18-year-old motorcyclist was taken to hospital with serious injuries after a collision with a car on the A43 near Easton-on-the-Hill.

The crash happened on Sunday when the man - from Kingscliffe - was riding a Zontes 125 motorcycle, which collided with a Honda Civic being driven by a 70-year-old man.

Daylight attack

A man was left with a bloody face after being assaulted by two men in Wellingborough who punched him several times using knuckle-dusters. The victim was walking in Berry-moor Road last Wednesday when the men got out of a Ford car and the assault took place.

Curry final at college

Curry chefs from across the UK will battle it out in the kitchens of Northampton College for the title of the UK's King of Spice.

A total of 30 top chefs from ten regions will be in the finals of the 2016 Curry Chef Awards at the college on Thursday, October 27.

Bake Off star visits

Great British Bake Off star Howard Middleton will lift the lid on the show's secrets when he takes part in the Northampton Winter Food Festival.

Seventy food and drink stalls, a street food market and tasting workshops, will come to the County Cricket Ground from November 12-13.

OAP thanks Polish helpers after fall

A pensioner who suffered a fall in Northampton town centre last Thursday has thanked the three young Polish men who stopped to help her back on her feet.

But the 83-year-old wants this to be a lesson to those people who she fears have grown more hostile towards the town's large Polish community since the Brexit vote.

Mary Bowler, from Billing, was walking from HSBC bank towards the Tesco Express store in Abington Street when she caught her foot and fell over.

When she rolled onto her side after landing on her hands and knees, three men came up to her, lifted her onto her feet, packed her scattered belongings back into her bag and asked if she was okay.

Touched by the trio's kindness, Mary - who has been a widow for 12 years - got in touch with the Northants Herald & Post to try to highlight the men's act of kindness.

Mary, who is the former chairwoman of the Northamptonshire Federation of Women's Institutes, said: "The three guys were really very good, very quick and extremely caring



THANKFUL: Mary Bowler at her home in Billing

and polite. They showed me each item of my belongings, which were on the floor, before putting them in my bag.

"It was just nicely done, and kind. They didn't just look at me and say 'let's get out of the way, it's not our business', which a lot of people do these days.

"London and places like that, you can fall on your face and nobody really cares a damn. "I just thought 'these are the sort of Polish people in the town that are great to know'."

Speaking of her sadness at the growing number of race hate

crimes across the UK since the Brexit vote, she added: "Someone said to me earlier in the week that new homes are being built near Wellingborough, and her remark was 'well I hope them Poles don't get them'.

"And I said well 'if they pay their taxes then they are entitled to live there'.

"Then the next day, for this (fall) to happen, I just thought 'well good on them!'. I'm not saying all Poles are good and all English are bad, but this is a good example of European co-operation."

Road worker hit by truck on M1 dies

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has launched an investigation after a construction worker was killed by a heavy goods vehicle on the site of roadworks on the M1 in Northamptonshire this week.

The 47-year-old man, from Luton, died after being hit by what is believed to be a dumper truck while working on the north-bound carriageway after junction 16 on Monday morning.

It is reported the victim - who died at the scene - was working for a drainage contractor which was subcontracted by the Costain/Galliford Try joint venture, as part of the £65 million Highways England smart motorway project to increase capacity on the motorway.

The fatal incident resulted in two lanes of the motorway between Northampton and Coventry being closed for seven hours, while emergency services



SHUT: Most of M1 had to close all day

- including an air ambulance - attended and police officers carried out investigation work.

A spokesperson for the Costain/Galliford Try joint venture told the Northants Herald & Post: "We offer our sincere condolences to the deceased's family, friends and colleagues at this very sad time. An investigation is under way."

A spokesman for the HSE said it is 'aware of the incident and are liaising with police', and that Northamptonshire Police are leading the investigation

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US dollar note



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You can listen to Steve's show on NNBC from 5pm-7pm every Sunday.

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Welcome to our regular feature where we invite people to tell us who we should follow on Twitter and why. Tweet us @NorthamptonUK and see the best ones here.

Simom Edens, the chief constable at Northants Police, tweeted: "Because you'll get to see how proud I am of @NorthantsPolice and what we do to protect people from harm in Northants. #safenorthants"

BLOGGER OF THE WEEK

Down's people live well

Caroline Scattergood

Caroline Scattergood helps to run the Caring and Sharing Trust in Cogenhoe and used to be a Tiller Girl.



As I watched the magnificent documentary "A World Without Down's Syndrome" by the actress Sally Phillips on her ten year old son Ollie, and the many other young and old born with Down's syndrome, these two words came to mind: "live enthusiastically". That is what I witnessed on Wednesday evening – joyful enthusiasm bouncing off the screen.

It was also what I had the pleasure to experience for the past 40 years. I chose to foster three boys with Down's whose vocabulary was limited, but full of enthusiasm for life and always saying "thank you, that was lovely" after every meal. Our home rang with "love you"..."love you too" all day!

Sally showed her joy and her sorrow at what the future holds if science has its way. That's why my heart could break at the launching of a new, more accurate, screening method for detecting if an unborn child has the extra chromosome that defines Down's syndrome.

Sally's fears are the fears of us all who see the joy that their pres-

ence in this world brings.

I agree with the Journalist Dominic Lawson, who points out in his column that the mentally disabled – including Down's syndrome – would have been subject to mass extermination by gassing as were the Jewish population. In fact, in 1939 German doctors launched the Aktion T4 programme to kill roughly 200,000 disabled, mostly children.

Dominic knows what he is talking about as his 21 year old daughter, Dominica, has Down's and she said "we don't deserve this HATE". Yes, she is correct... you do not deserve such hate Dominica.

As we watch the news and see the violence and horror that humans can produce, I beg the world to STAND UP for the good, sweet and trusting community of Down's syndrome who, as I said at the beginning, LIVE ENTHUSIASTICALLY.

■ Caroline's full blog is on our website.

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JAYNE MCCARRICK: I've only known Polish people to be friendly, polite and hard working. I'm glad Mary is OK after her fall.

ELIZABETH RESZKA: That mean not all Polish people are bad like some British people think

STACEY DUNKLEY: I'm not Polish, but I would have helped this lady! Think most people would, regardless of nationality. I'm pleased that this lady is OK after her fall x

KERRY SAMANTHA ROSE GRAY: I've only ever known and spoke with 2 polish very good friends hope lady is ok xxx

Readers say 'yes' to cap on number of black cabs

This week the Northants Herald and Post reported that Northampton Borough Council is considering whether to put a cap on the number of licences it gives to black cabs in the town. Here's how two of our readers reacted on Facebook:

STEVE DINES: Black Hackney cabs are too expensive, fares controlled by the council, Private Hire vehicles much cheaper and more comfortable.

ALASTAIR LEITH: I have to agree with the above, never use them. too expensive.

Sort out the parking at Royal & Derngate when you build your school

When we revealed the theatre's announcement that it is planning to create a new arts-led secondary school in Northampton (p9), it led to the interesting topic of limited surface parking spaces being brought up by one of our readers. Here's what he said:

SIMON HOGGARTH: All they need to do now is sort out the terrible parking situation by the theatre. Wasn't so bad until the hotel took up over half the car park!

Thanks for showing that 'not all Polish people are as bad as some think'

After publishing a story about an elderly woman who fell over in Northampton town centre before being helped onto her feet by three Polish men (p11), many readers on Facebook thanked the woman for showing the large Polish community in a good light.

HENRYKA FILIPIAK: Thank you very much to let's people now, the ar good Polish people living in Northampton and England

Lunchtime Life

Everyday life's little curiosities snapped this week. Send yours to news@hpnorthants.co.uk



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Call to help finish homeless shelter

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People with DIY skills are being asked to help make sure a temporary night shelter for homeless people is finished by next month.

Northampton Borough Council is appealing for residents to help complete the refurbishment and redecoration of the former British Rail Social Club, before it can be opened to rough sleepers.

As soon as the building is finished, in time for the cold winter evenings, a team of volunteers will also be needed to staff the shelter each night from 9pm to 9am.

Councillor Stephen Hibbert, the cabinet member for housing, said: "The shelter will be open from 9pm to 9am every night. For this to happen, we need to call on the support of our local community and to find enough volunteers to staff the shelter every day, all year round. We will provide

ALL SYSTEMS GO: Plans to convert the former British Rail Social Club into a shelter were approved last month



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comprehensive training and ongoing support to everyone who joins the night shelter team.

"There are other ways to get involved too, as we're looking for people to help us get the shelter finished on time, so we would love to hear from anyone who is willing to spare a few hours to pick up a paintbrush or help with gardening to make a real difference."

The night shelter is the first of ten objectives in the

'together we change lives' strategy, which was developed by 30 local agencies earlier this year and sets out a plan to work together to end rough sleeping in Northampton.

Goodwill Solutions is one of the agencies supporting the shelter.

If you would like to support the facility, either as a volunteer or by donating materials and equipment, visit: northampton.gov.uk/northamptonnightshelter/

Legendary scrum-half Jeeps dies

Northampton Saints, and English rugby, lost one of its all-time greats last Saturday morning when former British & Irish Lions scrum-half Dickie Jeeps passed away aged 84.

Jeeps made 273 appearances for Saints across 13 seasons at Franklin's Gardens, scoring 48 tries in the process, and was club captain in 1958.

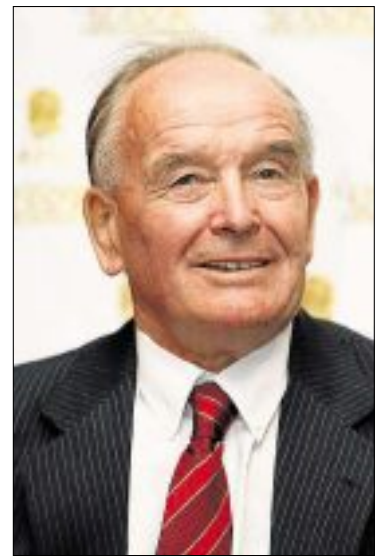
In addition to his 24 caps with England, he won a further 13 with the Lions, making him the second-highest appearance maker for the famous touring side, behind Willie John McBride.

Jeeps was uncapped when first selected by the Lions in 1955 for their tour of South Africa, but he played a key role in the drawn Test series alongside half-back partner Cliff Morgan.

He subsequently made his England debut in January the following year against Wales in the Five Nations and he would go on to captain his country on 13 occasions, winning his final cap with the Red Rose in 1962.

At the time, he was England's most-capped scrum-half, a record that was eventually overtaken by Steve Smith, and was an inspiration to a young Gareth Edwards, who went on to become one of rugby's legendary figures in his own right with Wales.

With the reputation as one of the finest No 9s in the game, he went on two further tours with the Lions; to Australia and New



ALL-TIME GREAT: Dickie Jeeps won 13 Lions caps
Zealand in 1959 and back to South Africa in 1962.

A talented batsman in his youth, Jeeps almost turned down a pre-season trial with Northampton as it would have meant missing a cricket match.

Choosing to play for Saints turned out to be an inspired choice, as he made his debut during the 1952/53 season to begin what was a legendary career in rugby that has been surpassed by few since.

In later life, Jeeps became an England selector and was President of the RFU from 1976-77, during which time he was awarded the CBE while he was also one of the six inaugural inductees into Northampton's Hall of Fame in 2005.

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Home Improvements

Sarah's story: Every day a limb dislocates

APPEAL: blogger and campaigner Sarah Alexander is raising money for a new wheelchair

BY SARAH ALEXANDER
news@hpnorthants.co.uk

I am trying to raise £5,000 for a powerchair. My current wheelchair causes me a lot of pain and doesn't cater for all of my conditions. It's very basic and I need one with an electric tilt, electric recline and leg elevation.

I have Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome type 3 which is a genetic connective tissue disorder and means my collagen is faulty; because of this everything that is made of collagen in the body is stretchy. My skin, ligaments, muscles and tendons pull, tear and sprain very easily. I also dislocate and/or subluxate (partially dislocate) on a daily basis. This, as you can imagine is extremely painful. I am in chronic pain and my mobility is extremely limited. I also have a few other conditions that cause extreme pain and fatigue. As well as this, I suffer from PoTS - Postural Tachycardia Syndrome. This means my autonomic nervous system is dysfunctional - I can't control my temperature, I experience dizziness, light-headedness, palpita-

tions, migraines and am close to fainting.

I'm desperate for an electric wheelchair to be able to have some independence and freedom. I'm unable to push myself in a manual wheelchair as my shoulders are very unstable and dislocate easily. I'm 29 years old and don't want to have to rely on someone else every time I go out.

The powerchair that I am raising money for will help relieve pain on particularly tender joints as it has a tilt function, and will help relieve PoTS symptoms as I can recline and elevate my legs. I just want to be able to go out and do things but can't afford a wheelchair of this calibre.

Unfortunately, the criteria for Wheelchair Services in Northants is very strict and I don't meet their conditions. I live in a small one bed bungalow in Wollaston and sometimes use crutches indoors, therefore this means I don't qualify for any help from

WCS. I can't walk more than a few steps and crutches destroy my shoulders so it's a real shame that I don't meet the criteria.

Chronic pain means I'm in pain every single day. And I have been since I was 13. I've had multiple operations and will no doubt face more in the future.

I'm a blogger and disability rights campaigner. I'm a trustee for Enhance the UK - a charity that is trying to change the perceptions of disability.

I also work alongside Scope, and have been featured in their 30 Under 30 campaign; they showcased thirty disabled people under the age of 30 that are doing incredible things in their fields, and I was included in that. I've also had a BBC article written about me because a journalist read my blog post about a stranger telling me that I was 'too pretty to be in wheelchair.'

Up to now I've raised just over £600 in less than week via promotion on Twitter.

Help Sarah at:
gofundme.com/sarahalexander

The case of ... not having an albatross around your neck



Lawrence John

To find more blogs and video diaries from Northants Herald & Post journalist Lawrence John visit our website.

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They were out today, not in force but they were out there, the flat cap brigade.

The Sunday drivers in their full regalia and refinery. The ubiquitous flat cap perched on their head and no doubt a pair of driving gloves on their hands.

The flat cap brigade do not speed, no they idle along, not quite going at the speed limit but not quite going fast enough. They would do 27mph in a 30mph zone or they do 50mph in a 60mph zone. It is just enough to drive you to distraction....

Doris smiled, the flat cap brigade, she liked that phrase. And with that Reg stood there in his flat cap and driving gloves. She looked at him as though she was inspecting an empty biscuit tin and could not believe all the biscuits were gone. She looked at Reg and said: "Are you going to wear that in the car? Reg

stood tall and replied: "Oh yes dear my cap of distinction" and then he walked towards the front door.

Doris said: "When the revolution comes, you'll be the first person they'd put up against the wall to have shot, I'd see to that."

Reg said: "What was that dear? Doris spoke louder: "I think we'd better shoot off or we will be late" and she smiled at her cleverness.

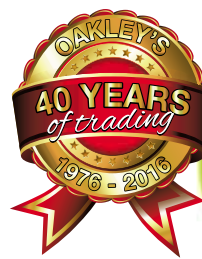
And our first tune of the day is for Troy Michael. This request comes from Tina in Surrey who says: "Thanks for

not returning my calls or emails but I am going to hunt you down and make your life a living hell. And she's requested Slade's Mama wear all crazee now and signed it to Troy with love from your Bunny Boiler....

Robin Williams in one of his stand up routines questioned if Jackie Kennedy would have got as far in her career and her life if she had had an anchor tattooed on her arm like Popeye.

It is funny in that context as we are faced with the question would it be right for the First Lady of the USA to have a tattoo like a common sailor but becomes less of a laughing matter when it comes to the world of work and if a tattoo impinges on your career.

Having a tattoo is a personal choice and yours alone. I have made the decision to say no to a tattoo as it is permanent... full version online.



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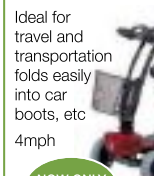
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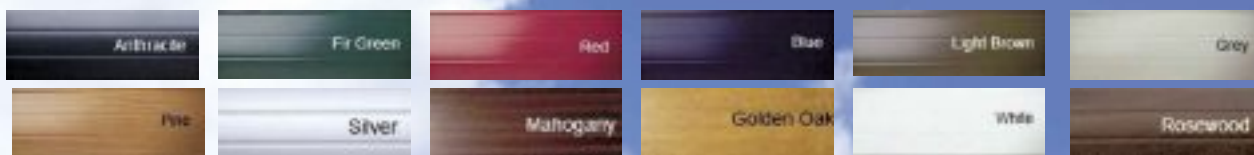
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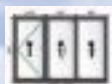
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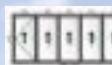
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Drunk Town fan flashed on train

A drunken Northampton Town football fan waved his penis at an elderly rail passenger before shouting: 'Do you want to touch it?' a court heard.

Cobblers supporter Matthew Warwick, 28, of Wollaston, overdid the celebrations after his team beat Portsmouth in May this year.

He appeared before Westminster Magistrates' Court on Tuesday where he was given a 10-month community order.

Anne Crossfield, prosecuting, told court the defendant had boarded the train with friends from Portsmouth to Waterloo in a drunken state.

He then went up to an elderly rail passenger waving his genitals, before going to the luggage area and playing a lewd game where he asked his friends to identify a part of his private parts.

"The defendant said he was very drunk when he boarded the train," Ms Crossfield said.

"There were two women sat near, one elderly and one younger.

"A witness said she saw the young female and elderly female get up to leave as the train approached the station.

"The defendant then got up and walked towards them.

"He had taken his penis out and



ONE OFF: Matthew Warwick, 28, is pictured outside the court

was waving it around. He was asking them 'Do you want to look' and 'Do you want to touch it'.

"The elderly woman shouted she wanted to get off the train and they did so.

"He then returned to his friends.

"He told officers he had no recollection of exposing himself, but remembered getting into the luggage area and playing 'cock or ball'."

Ms Crossfield explained that Warwick was playing a game with his friends where a man shows a part of either his testicles or penis and people have to guess which part it is.

The court heard Warwick had been identified by one of the women who saw the incident at Waterloo station.

Ms Crossfield added: "She was scared to go on the train, but pointed to him on the platform."

Freya Colvin, defending, said Warwick was a father-to-be, and the incident was out of character.

She said: "The level of alcohol involved goes to show how out of character this was.

"It was, albeit serious, a very stupid one-off.

"He hasn't drunk for a month."

Judge Nicholas Watton handed Warwick a 10-month community order, requiring him to perform 140 hours of unpaid work.

He said: "There is no one to blame but yourself.

"Your behaviour alarmed, frightened and distressed people in this very public place.

"I'm going to treat this as a one-off."

Warwick was also told to pay costs of £85, and a victim surcharge of £85.

Putting her all into

BY STEPHEN PENN

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IT takes a lot of guts to put your career on hold and aim for the stars, but that is what one woman is doing.

Receptionist Rachel Doherty, 27, from Higham Ferrers, has cut down her hours at Colworth Science Park in Bedford and is dedicating the extra time to becoming a top athlete.

With running times close to the best in the country Rachel has a shot at making the big time. But this was not on her radar years ago.

Rachel began running at the age of nine as her parents wanted her to have an outlet for her spare energy.

She said: "My mum was getting frustrated with me running around a field when she was picking my sister up from her after-school activities.

"Someone suggested I join a running club to burn off energy and my parents decided to enrol me with Kettering Town Harriers."

She soon joined Bedford and County Athletics Club, which has such esteemed alumni as marathon runner and Olympic athlete, Paula Radcliffe MBE, and running

DREAMING BIG: Rachel Doherty is training twice a day with the help of her husband Dan (right), who has coached her for several years



became a staple in her life.

But after a bad bout of glandular fever in 2011 which took her out of the game for six months, she lost her stride.

She attempted to get herself back to the speeds before her illness, but it went much further than that.

She said: "I was only trying to get my fitness back as it was, but as I trained harder and harder I saw my times tumble. I wanted to get to 20

minutes for 5K but now I am at 17.03 minutes." And her achievements have caught the eye of UK athletics.

She added: "They told me they were watching my progress and are supporting me in achieving my dream."

Rachel has been inspired by this support and has intensified her programme.

She now trains twice a week in both Loughborough and around her home town, and dreams of international



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success representing her country. She said: "With my times, I am really close to representing England, so ideally I'd like to achieve that and see where it takes me."

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Barney Farmer will be joining Alan to cook scones and reflect on what it takes to produce a comic strip.

A film about the Drunken Bakers will also be shown.

The ArtsLab event is raising money for the Good Loaf bakery and coffee shop.

Tickets are £5 or £4 concessions and can be obtained from www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/barney-farmers-drunken-bakers-tickets-27666818198

Tickets will also be available on the door if it is not sold out.



Casting for film

Northampton Borough Council is working together with local social enterprise film company Screen Northants to produce a film for Holocaust Memorial Day 2017.

The short dramatic film will be produced to represent Northampton's feelings on the 2017 theme for the Memorial Day - 'How can life go on?' and will premiere at the Council's civic reception in the Guildhall in January 2017.

The company is looking for people to star in the film and say no experience is needed. Residents under 25 years old



and those aged 55 years and over are preferable.

Anyone wanting to get involved in the project can show their interest by emailing info@screennorthants.co.uk

Tribute night for 'Steve G'

Musicians from some of Northampton's best loved bands over the past 25 years are putting on a charity night at the Picturedrome in Kettering Road, in memory of Steve Garofalo.

Steve's day job was running the Hervey Street barber shop but he was an accomplished

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Family fun day at Lings Forum

BY STEVE SCOLES
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From 1pm to 5pm a range of activities will be on offer at Lings Forum in Northampton including facepainting, trampolining, swimming, a bouncy castle and street dance.

Family Zumba, Magic Dave and the kids screen at the cinema will also be on.

Activity places will be organised on a first come first served basis but there is no need to book for the day.

A full programme of events is available at the Trilogys website: trilogyleisure.co.



Robin Ince to receive Crick Award

Robin Ince is to receive the Crick Science Award at the University of Northampton tomorrow.

Co-presenter of the highly successful BBC Radio 4 popular science programme The Infinite Monkey Cage with Dr Brian Cox, Robin has presented many science based programs on radio and wins the award for



WINNER: Robin Ince

bringing science to a wider and younger audi-

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The Crick Science Journalism award is named after the Nobel Laureate Francis Crick who was born and educated in Northampton.

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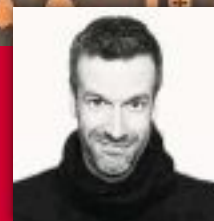
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BY NICHOLAS BIEBER

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County's arts cinema listings this week

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER

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WHAT'S ON ROUND-UP

Expect Brig laughs with top comedian Marcus

Award-winning comedian and broadcaster Marcus Brigstocke is heading out on tour with his eagerly awaited new stand up show *Why The Long Face?*

Considered as one of Britain's finest comedians and broadcasters, Marcus' talent was recognised early in his career when he won the BBC New Comedian Award at the Edinburgh Festival 1996.

He is now regarded as a major comedy, writing and acting talent, performing stand up to sell out audiences around the UK and at international comedy festivals.

As well as his stand-up he is a frequent presence on radio with regular appearances on BBC Radio 4's *I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue*, *The Now Show* and *Just A Minute*, as well as his recent award-winning radio series *The Brig Society*.

His impressive list of TV credits includes *Argumental* and appearances on *Have I Got News For You*, *QI*, *The Jump* and *Sorry I've Got No Head*.

Talking about what audiences can expect from the show, Marcus said: "I was born with a long face and now there's UKIP and Putin and being single and Islamic State and Trump and tax dodging corporations and the bloody referendum and for some reason people have started drinking kale juice?! This is a show about gratitude and happiness... with just a tiny bit of wild-eyed, incredulous, livid ranting."

You can see *Why The Long Face* at Northampton's Royal & Derngate on Thursday, October 20.

Tickets are £17 from 01604 624811 or online at royalallderngate.co.uk.



Step back to the rock 'n' rolling 50s and 60s

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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Original teen idols will hit the stage in an evening of some of the best rock 'n' roll music from the 50s and 60s.

The Solid Gold Rock 'n' Roll Show stars Marty Wilde, Eden Kane and Mike Berry, joined by very special guest Mark Wynter.

Marty Wilde's long-standing band The Wildcats will also perform with the artists.

The late 50s and early 60s were without doubt some of the most exciting and important years in the history of music.

With the arrival of rock 'n' roll, a whole new pop culture was born.

Performing their own hits and collaborating live on stage, Marty, Eden, Mike and Mark, show us how rock 'n' roll's fusion of sound and rhythm shaped the style of music that we listened to then and continue to today.

The show will feature popular and memorable hits such as *A Teenager In Love*, *Rubber Ball*, *Donna*, *I Don't Know*

Why, Well I Ask You, Don't You Think It's Time, The Sunshine Of Your Smile, Venus In Blue Jeans, Go Away Little Girl, and many more.

The Solid Gold Rock 'n' Roll Show comes to Royal & Derngate on Thursday, October 20 at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £27.50 and £29.50 and can be booked by calling 01604 624811 or by visiting the theatre's website, royalallderngate.co.uk.

Find out what's on
The best things to do in your spare time can be found at www.northampton-news-hp.co.uk

Theatre gets the beers in for Oktoberfest

A theatre will play host to its first ever German beer festival when the auditorium is transformed for Northampton Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 22.

Traditionally a celebration of the 'gathering of the har-

vest' Oktoberfest has been one of the key annual celebrations on the Munich calendar for 200 years.

Visitors to Royal & Derngate can enjoy its version of the festival which will include freshly tapped

German beer served in their own one-litre Stein.

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ABBA tribute night at Northampton hotel

The Westone Manor Hotel presents a sensational ABBA tribute show, capturing the magic and excitement of one of the world's most entertaining live bands. The four part tribute band are simply Bjorn to perform. The live performance will be delivered in two 45 minute acts, kicking off at 9.30pm. There will be a disco afterwards until 12.30am. For tickets, from £20, call 01604 739955.

Dr Fright's Halloween Nights in Earls Barton

The award winning, all indoor, one of a kind Halloween event is back at Whites Nurseries (October 14-31 excluding October 17 and 24) with an all new show for you to experience, CineMassacre. Five live action scare mazes will be full of terrifying actors and mind blowing special effects. This year go on a journey through time and experience five scare mazes inspired by four decades of horror cinema. From the 1950s - It's Alive, the double bill of 1970s mazes in The Cannibal Double Feature through to the 80s video nasty inspired Cabin Of Evil and modern day horror in The Further. There's also an all new, immersive, 1960s Psycho inspired horror bar, Bates Motel Bar. This event is not suitable for under 12s. Tickets can be booked online from drfrights.com and range from £15.95-£20.95.



Zapato Lounge bar-restaurant

When you walk into a much raved about restaurant, knowing half a million pounds has been spent on it, you expect something special. In fact, you'd probably expect ABBA to make a comeback and perform 'Money, Money, Money' live on stage. Unfortunately, the latter did not happen. But 'something special' is exactly what me, my mum, and her partner experienced when we went to Zapato Lounge in Northampton's Market Square last Saturday lunchtime. Step inside, and you're taken back by a retro retreat, where art work adorns every inch of all four walls, while vintage sofas cover the floor next to quirky tabletops. But let's not get carried away, we're here to eat. So after sitting down and reading a menu full to bursting with breakfasts, brunches and pub classics, I opt for a sausage butty and cup of tea. Soon, I'm tucking in, and my oh my - it's delicious. Slices of high quality sausage meat covered in ketchup and resting in between two slices of white bread. Washed down with the tea it made for a perfect lunch. We didn't just leave Zapato with full tummies, we left with an experience. Top marks!

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Home to a romantic page turner

AUTHOR Catherine Cookson was not only one of the UK's most famous novelists but also an extraordinary rags-to-riches story.

Born in 1906 to an alcoholic single mother in South Shields she left school at 14 to work first in service and then in a workhouse laundry before moving to a similar job in Hastings, East Sussex. There she scrimped and saved to buy a large Victorian house and later married a local teacher, Tom Cookson, with whom she tried unsuccessfully to have children.

After several miscarriages and following a diagnosis of telangiectasia, a rare vascular disease, she began to suffer depression and to alleviate this, joined a local writers' group in the town.

Cookson published her first novel, *Kate Hannigan*, in 1950 aged 44 and went on to write almost a hundred books in total, racking up global sales of more than 123 million books.



After her first two titles had been published, the couple bought a stout but spacious four-bedroom 1930s detached house in St Helen's, an upmarket suburb to the north of the town. It is now for sale at £1.1 million with agent PCM (01424 839111).

They moved in on Guy Fawkes Day, 1954, despite being warned off the property by an agent and

set about renovating it, including the garden, which had been used as a dump during the war.

But as her and her husband's health failed the couple moved back to Catherine's north eastern homeland and a house in Jesmond, Newcastle. She died in 1998 aged 91 followed two weeks later by Tom.

The real Dallas home of JR, Bobby, Sue and Pam

DO YOU remember when the nation obsessed about who shot JR?

If so you'll have been around during the 1980s and been a fan of US TV series *Dallas*, the most popular long-running soap opera of the decade.

At its peak the programme was watched by 21.5 million people in Britain and 350 million around the world.

Its plot followed the endless feuds between two rival Texas oil families and the show was famous for its cliff hangers, the most notorious of which took place in 1980. An episode in November that year finished with the mysterious shooting of key character J.R. Ewing, played by Larry Hagman.

The whodunit sparked off an eight-month global media frenzy that spilled over into the UK with several newspapers dedicating column inches to the



'murder'.

But the show was also known for its glamorous mansions in which the two families lived. And one of them is now for sale.

It's a 10,341 sq ft faux Georgian mansion in North Dallas with 4.3 acres of gardens, for sale at 12.95 million. But what many former Dallas fans might recognise are its interiors, which were used regularly in the soap.

It has everything a vexed oil executive might want including five bedrooms, seven bathrooms, a panelled library, billiards room, elevator, media room, pool, spa and tennis court. And former US president George W Bush lives next door.

■ More information from www.toptenrealestatedeals.com/homes/weekly-ten-best-home-deals/2016/09-26-2016/



It's got a kind of muggle magic

This small, brown-bricked house on the market at £475,000 within a quiet cul-de-sac on the outskirts of a south-east commuter town would normally only appeal to young couples looking for an affordable place to start a family.

But this is no ordinary home. To the millions of Harry Potter

fans around the world it is No.4 Privet Drive, the house where the orphaned Harry has to endure his spiteful aunt and uncle, the Dursleys.

The property featured in the first film adaption of JK Rowling's books, 2001's *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* and was taken over by film makers for two weeks in order to shoot

the scenes.

One feature mentioned within the property listing that will set Potter fans' hearts racing is its cupboard underneath the stairs where, of course, Harry was forced to sleep despite the property having a spare bedroom.

In reality it's a three-bedroom house at 12 Picket Post Close in Martin's Heron just outside Bracknell in Berkshire. It's been refurbished with an upgraded kitchen, new driveway and a remodelled back garden.

If you don't want to pay the asking price for the property, which is for sale via Chancellors then a full-size version of the house is available to look around at the Warner Bros Studio Tour in Watford.

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Home at heart of Tudor intrigue

IF YOU watched the BBC's hit historical drama *Wolf Hall* last year then you'll know the key role that Mary Shelton played in the bloody downfall of King Henry VIII's second wife, Anne Boleyn.

Mary was at the centre of a political and family alliance that spanned Tudor England; her mother was Queen Anne's aunt and at a young age she was summoned to court to be one of Anne's ladies in waiting.

Mary subsequently began a six-month affair with the king which ended when Anne and Henry were reconciled, which is lucky given the low survival rate of his subsequent wives. She went on to marry St Anthony Heveningham and bear several children one of which, Arthur, is said to be a relation of the late Princess Diana.

The seat of the Shelton family, where Mary and her three brothers and six sisters were brought up is Shelton Hall in Norfolk. It's also where Henry VIII sent his two daughters,



Mary and Elizabeth – the future Elizabeth I – for three years under the care of their great aunt, Anne Shelton.

It must have been a nice place to stay. The property, which can trace a history back to 1140, is still a country idyll and includes five acres of land and a house

with five reception rooms, eight bedrooms, a range of outbuildings and a moat.

It is only the second time the property has been on the market for 150 years.

■ It's for sale for £1.15m, through agent Bedfords 01728 454505.

It's no mystery who lived here

PD James is one of the UK's best known crime writers with over 20 books still in print and millions of fans, many of whom adore their central character, detective Adam Dalgleish.

Many of PD James's books have been adapted for both TV and film, including her 1963 novel *A Mind to Murder* and her 1972 novel *An Unsuitable Job for a Woman*, which was adapted for both film and TV, most recently in 2001 by the BBC starring Helen Baxendale.

Despite such success Phyllis Dorothy James worked almost all her life in the civil service at first with the NHS and then until her retirement, the Home Office.

Right up until her death in 2014 aged 94 she was very active, signing a letter to *The Guardian* newspaper opposing Scottish independence and also guest editing BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme.

For many years she lived at this Georgian property in Notting Hill but also had properties in Suffolk and Oxford,



where she spent increasing amounts of time as she got older, mainly because she felt London was no longer a safe place to live.

"I hate the fact that I can't walk up to Notting Hill, five minutes away, in the evenings without the likelihood of being

accosted. I dislike violence, I'm frightened of it," she once told an interviewer.

■ Her London home is now for sale through agent Marsh & Parsons 020 7368 4450 for £2.5m and is where, during the 1960s, she first began writing.

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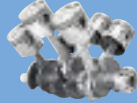
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Audi offers new SUV range

By: Stewart Smith



THE brooding good looks of the Black Edition models that have been mainstays of the Audi A4, A5, A6 and A7 Sportback ranges have inspired a new Q3 Black Edition that spearheads a wholesale update of Audi's compact SUV line-up.

The new top flight Q3 and the even better equipped versions that sit below it will become available later this month priced from £26,600, and will reach the first customers towards the end

of the year.

At entry level the SE trim level now becomes Sport through the addition of SD navigation as standard and through styling enhancements that lend an even more purposeful air, including larger front air vents and a body-coloured front diffuser.

S line Navigation models become S line Edition by gaining standard interior features such as cruise

control and the Audi Parking System Plus, and by adopting a new look for the front end, which now incorporates a distinctive horizontal strut spanning its full width, above which are air inlets with more pronounced surrounds and a new diamond-pattern mesh design.

The main attraction in the range is now the Q3 Black Edition, which stays true to the concept introduced elsewhere in the Audi range.

Replacing the S line plus model, it builds on that version's extensive specification with features such as standard metallic paint, privacy glass from the door pillar rearwards and a Bose sound system upgrade, but its key point of differentiation is a distinctive black treatment for many of its parts.

These start in the cabin with piano black inlays, and continue outside to take in everything from the 19-inch alloy wheels, wheel arch cappings and Single Frame grille surround to the roof rails, rear spoiler and tailpipes, all of which are finished in gloss black.

Under the skin, two TDI diesel and two TFSI petrol engines are available, depending on the chosen specification.

The 1.4-litre TFSI with cylinder-on-demand technology brings 150bhp and the option of either manual or S tronic twin-clutch automatic transmission.

It gives the front-wheel-driven Q3 1.4 TFSI a 0-62mph sprint time of as little as 8.9 seconds, but also 51.4mpg capability (manual) based on the combined cycle test.

Above it in the petrol line-up is a 2.0-litre TFSI unit with 180bhp, which can be linked to either manual or S tronic transmission and works with quattro all-wheel-drive without exception.

Forming the diesel contingent are two four-cylinder, 2.0-litre TDIs with outputs of 150bhp and 184bhp. The 150bhp version has the potential to return up to 62.8mpg with a CO2 output of just 117g/km.

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Skoda Octavia Scout Estate

By: Peter Keenan

SKODA faces a tough task with the Octavia Scout Estate.

It has to convince bright young things who need a motor practical enough to handle the school run and cool enough to take to the beach or mountaintop, not to choose one of the many SUV crossover models currently more popular than Ant and Dec.

The Czech motor manufacturer's response is a quality offering that can take on the SUV hordes and strike a blow for tradition.

For this Scout is no boy, but rather a tough all-action hero featuring four-wheel drive and a raised ride height - giving genuine off-road capability - as well as a cave-like bootspace capable of accommodating the most outward bound of families.

The Haldex-5 all-wheel drive system and multi-mode drive control give the estate the tools to live up to its name making it comfortable in the countryside and prepared for anything.

That's not to say it is rough on the road or expensive to run as under normal conditions front-wheel drive is employed - so saving fuel - with the estate civilised to drive both around town and on the motorway despite its rugged appearance.

When conditions worsen though, the clever electronics recognise when grip is being lost and send power to the rear wheels to increase traction with wheelspin kept to a minimum.

The Scout sits more than an inch higher than the normal Octavia Estate and is fitted with underbody armour and added protection around the wheel arches as well as chunky front and rear skid plates.

Other styling clues to its off-road pretensions include black plastic trim for the sills, bumpers and wheelarches while silver roof rails and splashes of chrome give it an upmarket feel.

The cumulative effect of this is to make the Scout visually impressive with a ready-for-anything attitude.

The interior is similarly no-nonsense with a simple layout featuring all mod cons such as climate control and satellite navigation.

Creature comforts such as alcantara and leather upholstery featuring Scout logos are included, as are tinted rear windows.

The likes of 17-inch alloys and lane departure warning systems also make a welcome appearance on the standard issue list with optional extras including front and rear parking sensors at £350, heated front seats at £250 and an advanced connectivity system which includes wi-fi and a full colour trip computer display costing £1,050.

There's plenty of room to get comfortable front and back while luggage space starts at 590 litres with all the seats in use expanding to 1,580 when the rear ones are folded.

Driven by the less powerful of the 2.0-litre diesel engines available - there's also a 184ps version - the car I drove was nevertheless no slouch with 62mph hit from a standing start in a shade over nine seconds on the way to a top speed of 129mph with the help of a slick six-speed manual gearbox.

In the battle with the all-conquering crossovers the Scout does inflict substantial damage when it comes to running costs as it boasts a fuel economy figure of 58.9mpg and emissions of 125g/km.

In the real world the Scout was getting about 50 to the gallon which is pretty good for what is a big motor boasting a 1.8-tonne towing capacity.

It all adds up to a family-friendly package that is well kitted out and able to handle the mud when required.

FAST FACTS

Skoda Octavia Scout Estate

Price: £25,700

Mechanical: 150ps, 1,968cc, 4cyl diesel engine driving four wheels via 6-speed manual gearbox

Max speed: 129mph

0-62mph: 9.1 seconds

Combined mpg: 58.9

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TIPS FOR DRIVING WITH FAMILY PETS BY: STEWART SMITH



MANY of us take to the road with our pets and if we are lucky enough might even have a place for them at our desks. But much as we love them, now and again our furry friends can pose a few challenges when we're driving. Here are some tips for those driving with pets from IAM RoadSmart's head of driving and riding standards Richard Gladman. First of all try not to feed your pet right before you leave or when you're on the road, but do keep a supply of their favourite biscuits or treats so you can stay in control. Keep your pets out of the front seat and off your lap. You never know when your pet might react to something they think is interesting outside the car. Ideally dogs should be behind a guard or correctly strapped in in the back seat. Cats or smaller creatures should be in an appropriately secured carrier. Leaving your pet alone in the car, no matter what the temperature might feel like outside, is a big no. Try to take along familiar toys and bedding to provide a relaxed setting. Don't change up the menu! A sudden switch in your pet's food before the journey can upset them (and their stomach!). Take water and a bowl with you to keep your favourite companion well hydrated and take frequent stops for exercise and calls of nature. Keep a supply of poo bags in the car just in case. Don't let your pet stick its head out of the window. Dog's eyes were never designed to travel at 60mph! Follow these guidelines and all onboard should be fine.

MATING DEER WARNING TO DRIVERS

BY: STEWART SMITH

ROAD safety organisation GEM Motoring Assist is advising drivers to take extra care in areas where deer are common, as their breeding season gets underway.

The coming weeks mean deer are more mobile than usual, bringing them onto roads and increasing the risk of collisions. The human death toll from deer collisions ranges between 10 and 20 annually, and industry estimates put the cost of damage to vehicles alone to be at least £17 million. Estimates indicate that up to 75,000 deer are killed each year in road collisions.

GEM road safety officer Neil Worth says: "We encourage drivers to be extra observant, especially as the mornings and evenings get darker. Be ready to take appropriate avoiding action if you come across a deer on the road ahead."



"Periods of highest deer activity tend to occur at dawn and dusk, coinciding with the morning and evening rush hour, increasing collision risks in areas where deer are common."

Experts believe the UK deer population numbers more than two million, and research from the RSPCA shows around 75,000 deer are involved in vehicle collisions each year, with 10,000 killed instantly.

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WOMEN motorists are being given the chance to become FOXY ladies this month. All they need to do is get their car tyres checked and given the thumbs up by a FOXY Lady Approved garage or tyre centre during October. In return they will receive a free lifetime online subscription to the FOXY Lady Drivers Club, the UK's only everyday motoring club for women.

October is Tyre Safety Month because it is notoriously the wettest month of the year and

recent research from the Tyresafe charity suggests that one in four vehicles on UK roads may have poorly maintained and ultimately unsafe tyres. That could mean some 10 million vehicles are potentially dangerous at any one time. FOXY Lady Drivers Club founder Steph Savill was sufficiently concerned to do something about this. She explains: "We're kept informed about tyre safety by our network of FOXY Lady Approved garages that clearly worry about the dangerous car tyres they see (and fail) at MOT time. Even legal tyres at 1.6mm tread are a long way past their grippiest and having tested a range of various car tyres myself, I know to buy the best make I can afford and to change my tyres at 3mm tread not 1.6mm." To reassure women that a free tyre check won't lead to them being ripped off, all FOXY Lady Approved businesses have signed a promise to 'never overcharge, patronise or sell women services they don't need' which is then policed by female feedback.

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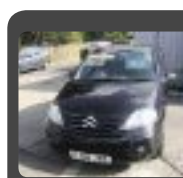
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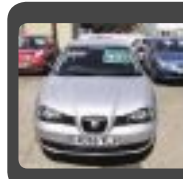
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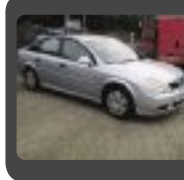
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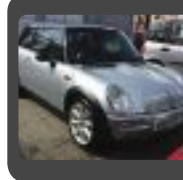
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INFINITI GUIDES TOP CHEFS

BY: DAVID WHINYATES

PREMIUM car maker Infiniti has joined forces with the world's most renowned guide of quality in hotels and restaurants.

The Japanese brand has announced a partnership with the Michelin Guide and used the unveiling event for Britain's latest Michelin-starred restaurants to introduce the new Infiniti Q60 sports coupé. Infiniti also supported the awards ceremony by chauffeuring the top chefs and celebrities to and from the venue in London.



GRAND OFFER FROM KIA BY: DAVID WHINYATES



PRIVATE buyers are being offered a hefty £1,000 off the purchase of selected models in Kia's growing range and all they have to do is take a test drive before the end of the year.

In addition taking a test drive of any Kia model before the end of November will make potential buyers eligible for a

draw to win an all-expenses-paid trip down under to see the men's semi-finals of the Kia-sponsored Australian Open grand-slam tennis tournament.

Kia also has a range of special finance offers on the all-new Sportage, the Picanto and the top of the range Sorento SUV.

RECORD NUMBERS TAKE ROUTE 66

BY: STEWART SMITH

THE UK new car market remained steady in September, rising 1.6 per cent, according to the latest figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

In total 469,696 cars were registered, as buyers purchased the new 66-plate. The performance marks the highest figures for September on record, while the total number of cars registered so far this year also grew to 2,150,495 units – up 2.6 per cent compared with the same period last year.

It is only the second time that the two million mark has been passed in September since 2004.

Biggest seller was the Ford Focus with 19,769 sales followed by the Vauxhall Corsa at 14,570.

Fleet registrations continued to drive growth, up 7.3 per cent, while registrations to private motorists experienced a small decline, down -1.7 per cent to 223,844 units in the month. Meanwhile, diesel registrations rose 2.8 per cent as petrol's declined -1.1 per cent.

Alternatively fueled vehicles continued to outpace the market, up 32.6 per cent against the same month last year with a market share of 3.4 per cent.



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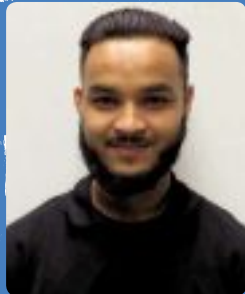
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Public Notices**INSOLVENCY ACT 1986****IN BANKRUPTCY
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Who at the date of the bankruptcy order 16/9/2009, resided at 26A Hillside Crescent, Nether Heyford, Northants, NN7 3LS.
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**NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER
UNDER SECTION 35 OF THE
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
ORDER TO VARY NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH
COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES)
ORDER 2013 (AS AMENDED)**

Notice is hereby given that an Order has been made by Northampton Borough Council, in exercise of its powers conferred on them by section 35 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the Act) and of all other enabling powers, on 30 September 2016, the Order to take effect on 14 October 2016 the effect of which is to vary the Order made by Northampton Borough Council on 19th November 2013 known as the Northampton Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2013. The new Order made 30 September 2016 varies the Order made 19th November 2013 so that:

- (1) Article 3 thereof is amended by the alteration of its numbering from '3' to '3(1)'; and
- (2) the addition of a paragraph numbered '3(2)' to that Article that reads '3(2) Within the Parking Place known as the Grosvenor Multi Storey Car Park and the Parking Place known as Maybrough Shoppers the Parking Bay which is designated by signage as '10 Minute Park And Pay' in the Grosvenor Multi Storey Car Park and 'Maximum stay 10 minutes' in the Maybrough Shoppers may be used for any period of time whilst that Parking Place is open on days when no charge is payable but on any days when a charge is payable the maximum permitted waiting time in such a Parking Bay is ten minutes'; and
- (3) Article 6(1) is amended by the addition of the words 'or pursuant to Article 3(2) above' immediately after the words 'relevant Schedule to this Order'.

The Order made is known as the 'Northampton Borough Council (Off street Parking Places) (Amendment No. 4) Order 2016. A copy of the Order dated 30 September 2016, and of this notice, together with a copy of the Order dated 19th November 2013, and a statement of the reasons for making the new Order, can be inspected at the offices of Northampton Borough Council, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 4DE on Mondays to Fridays between the hours of 09:00 and 17:00.

Dated 13 October 2016

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**JOHN DAVID CARR
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Local Authority Notices

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(TINTERN AVENUE, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Tintern Avenue, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length Tintern Avenue, Northampton from Dallington Road to Gladstone Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway repairs.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 17th October 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Gladstone Road, Spence Bridge Road and Baring Road.

Dated this 13th day of October 2016

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Law & Governance

PKG/T16/403

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604-883400.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14**

**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(ST LEONARDS ROAD, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING OR
UNLOADING AT ANY TIME) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from waiting, loading or unloading at any time along that length of St Leonards Road, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of St Leonards Road, Northampton from Towcester Road to London Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during replacement of street lights.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 27th October 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

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QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Law & Governance

PKG/T16/472

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (A43
KETTERING ROAD, OVERSTONE, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC
& TEMPORARY 40MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic and restricting traffic from proceeding a speed exceeding 40mph along that length of the A43 Kettering Road, Overstone, Northampton as specified in the Schedule below.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during major works for the A43 Northampton to Kettering improvements.

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SCHEDULE

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14**

**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (A5199 WELFORD ROAD,
CHAPEL BRAMPTON/SPRATTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

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LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of the A5199 Welford Road, Chapel Brampton/Spratton from Spratton Grange to Merry Tom Lane.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during major repairs to Spratton Sands Bridge and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 31st October 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 25th November 2016.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Brampton Lane, A508 and A14.

Dated this 13th day of October 2016

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Law & Governance

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14**

**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (HIGH STREET, GREAT HOUGHTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

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LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of High Street, Great Houghton from Little Lane to Glebe Lane.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during replacement of Anglian Water chamber cover and frame.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 14th November 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Willow Lane and The Cross.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2015
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990
THE TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
REGULATIONS 2011**

N/2016/1066. 10 Watling Lane

Two storey side and single storey rear extensions. Within a Conservation Area

N/2016/1261. 1 Hazelwood Road

Convert from offices into house in multiple occupation (Use Class C4) for 6 residents. Within a Conservation Area

N/2016/1276. Gardeners Cottage, 3 Delapre Park, London Road

Listed Building Consent for replacement conservatory. Within a Conservation Area. Listed Building

N/2016/1285. Knights Cottage, 10 Orchard Hill

Removal of existing conservatories to side & rear. Single storey extension to rear and new garage with store to side.

Listed Building

N/2016/1286. Knights Cottage, 10 Orchard Hill

Listed Building Consent Application for single storey extension to rear and new garage with store to side.

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N/2016/1290. Redruth Nursing Home, Weedon Road, Upton

Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission N/2014/0726 (Demolition of existing nursing home and erection of new care home with 48 en-suite bedrooms and 29 no. assisted living units) to amend external elevations of the development. Major Application

N/2016/1293. 32 Denmark Road

Change of use from dwelling house (Use Class C3) into House in Multiple Occupation (Use Class C4) for a maximum of 6 residents with two storey and single storey rear extensions. Within a Conservation Area

N/2016/1320. Northampton Post Office, 20 - 22 St Giles Street

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**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY
COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH UG8 (PART) -
PARISH OF RAUNDS)**

(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit all pedestrians from proceeding along that length of Public Footpath UG8 in the Parish of Raunds as specified below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of footpath is unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The existing route of UG8 (part) to be closed begins at point A at National Grid Reference ('NGR') TL0039 7316, on Midland Road. The route travels generally north east for approximately 127 metres to point B at NGR TL0049 7324. The route is shown by a solid black line between points A - B.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for the commencement of development and clearing works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The Order will come into effect on 17th October 2016 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for this Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: The alternative route starts at point A at NGR TL0039 7316. The route travels generally south east for approximately 102 metres to point C at NGR TL0047 7309. The route then heads generally north east for approximately 154 metres to point D at NGR TL0060 7317. The route then travels generally north west for approximately 133 metres to point B at NGR TL0049 7324. The alternative route is shown by a broken black line between points A - C - D - B.

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MOULTON LANE, BOUGHTON & HARLESTONE
ROAD, CHAPEL BRAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of Moulton Lane, Boughton & Harlestone Road, Chapel Brampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Moulton Lane, Boughton between Boughton Green and Humfrey Lane and that length of Harlestone Road, Chapel Brampton between Great Close and Sandy Lane.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 24th October 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that Moulton Lane will be restricted until 26th October and Harlestone Road will be restricted between 26th October and 28th October.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:
Moulton Lane - use Boughton Green, Boughton Green Road, Holly Lodge Drive, Harborough Road, Vyse Road and Humfrey Lane.
Harlestone Road - for eastbound use Back Lane, Welford Road, Northampton Road and Sandy Lane - for westbound use Sandy Lane and Northampton Road.

Dated this 13th day of October 2016
QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Law & Governance

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VIVIAN
ROAD, WELLINGBOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Vivian Road, Wellingborough as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Vivian Road, Wellingborough from the junction of Knox Road to Mill Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during a gas connection.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 24th October 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for seven days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Mill Road, Melton Road and Knox Road.

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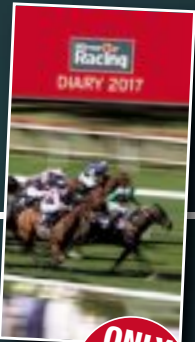
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SAINTS

Who is standing in Saints' way?

It hasn't been the easiest start for Northampton Saints, as they have lost four out of their first six games in the Premiership despite them putting in some encouraging performances along the way.

It's not about to get any easier for them, with the European Champions Cup getting under way this weekend and Saints have arguably been given a tougher draw than the last campaign.

Here's a look at who Jim Mallinder's men will be up against...

■ Montpellier

Saints' pack can expect the toughest of physical battles against a Montpellier side with a strong South African influence that love nothing more than grinding opposition forwards into the dirt.

We already know that this will be head coach Jake White's last season at the club and the 2007 Rugby World Cup winner will be keen to sign off in France with a strong showing in Europe's premier competition.

■ Castres

"Not them again," might have been the first thought going through supporters' minds when Northampton were drawn alongside regular European foes Castres during the summer.

Castres have tended to be poor travellers but a tough nut to crack on their own turf and getting something out of the trip to the Stade Pierre-Antoine could prove vital.

■ Leinster

Northampton have had some epic battles down the years against Leinster, who inflicted some serious pain on Saints in coming back from the dead in the 2011 Heineken Cup final, as well as by thrashing them 40-7 at Franklin's Gardens.

Hopefully, memories more like the stunning 18-9 victory at the Aviva Stadium in 2013 will be made during December's double header.

Picamoles: Playing against Montpellier always special

BY MATT WRIGHT
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Louis Picamoles will make his first European appearance for Northampton Saints on Saturday evening and he'll be facing the club where he first made his name when Montpellier visit Franklin's Gardens.

Playing for 'Les Cistes' was also where Saints supporters were given their first glimpse of the French powerhouse, who came up against his future club in the European Challenge Cup in the 2008/09 season.

Picamoles even scored a try in Northampton's visit to the Stade Yves-du-Manoir in January 2009, although it turned out to be in vain on the night as Saints emerged from southern France with a 28-24 victory.

The 30-year-old number 8 will be looking to help Jim Mallinder's side put their Premiership struggles behind them in their opening Champions Cup fixture against the club where he made 64 appearances between 2004 and 2009.

He arrived at Franklin's Gardens in the summer having tasted European glory before, after winning the old Heineken Cup with Toulouse in 2010. On coming up against his former team, Picamoles said: "I left the club a long time ago but playing against Montpellier is always special for me.

"It's the club where I discovered rugby but I've learned to deal with it over the years. It's an important game for me but I try to enjoy it rather than add more pressure to it.

"The club has changed a lot since I left. There are only two players I know from my time there and that's flanker Fulgence Ouedraogo and scrum-half Benoît Paillaugue.

"There are a lot of South Africans



CHARGING THROUGH: No Saints player has made more metres with the ball in hand than Louis Picamoles so far this season

in their pack and they play like South Africans with a lot of physicality. It might not be very spectacular but it's very efficient. It's going to be a fierce battle up front."

Picamoles has taken no time at all in adapting to his new surroundings in what is his first season playing outside of his home country and is in the process of improving his English. But it is on the pitch where he has really done his talking, as the man capped 54 times by France has been a force of nature in the back row during his appearances so far.

After six rounds of Premiership action, no Northampton player has made more ground than his 315 metres, while his 13 off-loads is the joint-highest in the division along with Saracens' Billy Vunipola.

Picamoles said: "I feel really good in Northampton and it only gets better with my teammates as the games go on. Slowly but surely, and even if there is still a language barrier, I feel in sync with them on the pitch so it's great so far.

"It's a big change for me and there are a lot of players I have to get to know. It's going to take some time to

get used to this new environment but I feel better and better week on week. I feel at ease in the squad and I feel better on the pitch because of it.

"I'm pretty happy with how I played so far but I'm never too pleased about it. Improving is what's driving me but I'm really enjoying myself in this team and that's very important to me.

"My teammates and the staff have been great to make me feel welcome. Then once we're on the pitch it's easier because we all speak the same language."



BIG RETURN: Calum Clark in his first game back

Comeback king Clark grateful to have come through a difficult year

Northampton Saints flanker Calum Clark has had to go through some dark times in the past year, as a shoulder injury that wouldn't go away ruled him out for the whole of last season.

The problem first occurred in a pre-season friendly at Wasps, two weeks before the start of the campaign, and required a second operation in January after an initial one wasn't able to fix it. The timing was especially cruel, as Clark had just come off the best season of his career in being named Saints' Player of the Year by both his fellow players and by the supporters and making his England debut in a World Cup warm-up against France off the back of it.

But the 27-year-old was able to put this all behind him when he made his comeback against Exeter Chiefs two weeks ago, getting straight back into the thick of the action at openside.

Clark said: "I'm pretty grateful to have come through what I did last year, so I'm happy to be back playing again.

"With the nature of the injury, I wasn't sure what was going on and obviously there was a couple of setbacks so it was a really difficult year to deal with and a process to deal with.

"It came off the back of a good summer – that's when it struck, but it's part of the game and I've just got to get on with it."

Clark certainly wasn't forgotten

during his long absence by the Franklin's Gardens faithful, who gave out a big cheer when his name was read out over the tannoy before the Exeter game.

On his long-awaited return, Clark said: "The fans were great and I'm really thankful for the welcome back they gave me.

"It was nice to mark the end of a very tough year with their support and a win as well on that night."

Clark has not just come back at a crucial time, with Northampton's Champions Cup campaign getting under way this weekend, but he's also come back into a competitive environment as far as the back row is concerned.

His injury problems gave Teimana Harrison a chance to stake his claims last season and it was one he grabbed with both hands, as he put in a series of superb displays, while France number 8 Louis Picamoles arrived from Toulouse in the summer.

Clark said: "Teimana was outstanding last year and I was really happy for him – he came over here to give himself an opportunity and he's really stepped up and taken that in the last year. Obviously we've got Louis, who's signed and is exceptional and Woody [Tom Wood] is captain this year, so there's a lot of competition and that's good for the squad."

Steely Town seal draw against Iron

GRIPPED BY THE COBBLERS

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Northampton Town departed Scunthorpe with a 1-1 draw on Saturday but also left with a feeling they can match any team in League One.

The game hinged on the 59th minute red card for Northampton's Matt Taylor with the midfielder receiving his marching orders for a strong tackle on Neal Bishop.

Cobblers were in the ascendancy up to that point despite being a goal down to Josh Morris' unstoppable free kick on the cusp of half time.

Taylor's tackle highlights the need for a sin-bin in football, one step down for a dismissal given the ex-West ham man showed no malice and merely found his opponent too quick in a committed challenge.

Consistency was an issue in referee Darren Handley's performance as Brendan Moloney found himself on the end of some crunching tackles that may well have warranted more severe punishment.

'We're not here to watch you ref' chanted the travelling Northampton faithful and it was a shame the official stepped in to change the course of an enthralling encounter.

Yet Northampton weren't going to leave Lincolnshire pointless and their tenacity was highlighted in Jak McCourt's 74th minute equaliser, which was forced home at the third time of asking after JJ Hooper's cross was flicked onto the post by Alex Revell.

Despite missing two starting players in Gabriel Zakuan and Harry Beautyman, Northampton were the better team against Graham Alexander's league leaders and now must fancy a crack at top spot themselves.

Cobblers have lost just one of their last 27 away league games and sit in a healthy sixth position in League One. That sets up a cracking pair of matches with Millwall coming to Sixfields this weekend followed by the Nene Derby at Peterborough on Tuesday night.

Show the kind of relentlessness that Town did v Scunthorpe and even with Taylor facing suspension there's no reason they can't tame the Lions and bring the Posh down a peg or two.

Page decides to live with Taylor's ban

COBBLERS

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Northampton Town will not be appealing the red card shown to Matt Taylor in last Saturday's 1-1 draw at Scunthorpe, despite manager Rob Page still thinking the decision was a harsh one.

Taylor was shown a straight red for what referee Darren Handley deemed to be a dangerous tackle on the Iron's Neal Bishop in the 59th minute at Glanford Park.

The frustration for the Cobblers stems from the inconsistency in the officiating over the weekend, as a similar challenge from AFC Wimbledon's Dean Parrett went unpunished in the build-up to the second goal in their 3-1 win at Oxford United on Sunday.

While Parrett didn't even have a free kick given against him, Taylor will be unavailable for Northampton's next three games – against Millwall, Peterborough and Shrewsbury – due to suspension.

Page said: "I still think it's a harsh red card, certainly from having looked at tackles made over the weekend in the Oxford game.

"You look at exactly the same scenario, where the lad sort of has a bigger touch than he normally has, chases after it, makes a tackle, the free kick is not even given and Wimbledon score their second goal.

"It was a similar tackle to what Matty made and it was a straight red, so the inconsistency is a little bit frustrating.

"But it's something we've looked at and it is a 50-50 [challenge] – some you'd give, some you wouldn't and we've decided not to appeal it and we have to just get on with it."

In terms of a response to going a man down when already a goal down, Page couldn't have asked for much more from his players, as Jak McCourt equalised as part of what was a strong finish from the Cobblers.

They could have even come away from the League One leaders with all three points despite being a man light, with Page saying: "I thought we created enough chances to win the game.

"We were frustrated coming off, even with ten men, we were still frustrated coming off, having not won it.

"Looking at the chances created – 19 shots, so many on target – we could have scored four goals on Saturday against the league leaders and could have won it with ten men.

"There are far too many positives there to dwell on the negative, which is the sending-off, and what we're focusing on this week is building on the chances we created against a very good team and take it into Saturday's performance."

Page also praised the performance of McCourt, who has had to recover from a recent concussion, but



ABRUPT END: Matt Taylor trudges off after his red card at Scunthorpe

showed no ill effects as he picked up from where he left off in what has been an impressive start to life at Sixfields.

"He's been outstanding and I always knew the qualities he had," Page said, adding: "I went to watch him play for Leicester's Under-21s and he stood out head and shoulders, just in the tempo in how he passed.

"He made some crunching tackles

that day. I've seen him score a couple of great goals for their Under-21s – he's not prolific and from how he plays understandably, but I know he's capable of scoring good goals.

"It was a change for him slightly, our mind-set on Saturday, after the sending off; I wanted him, instead of sitting, to be a bit more attack-minded with John-Joe [O'Toole] as a two and thankfully he got forward at the right time."



Poppies and Saints prepare for final qualifying hurdle

Brackley Town and Kettering Town will look to make it a trio of Northamptonshire clubs in the first round proper of the FA Cup this weekend, when they compete in the final qualifying round.

The county is already guaranteed one club in round one of the world's oldest Cup competition, with Northampton Town set to be

one of the highest-ranked of the 80 teams in the 'bowl'.

National League North side Brackley will be heavy favourites to make it through qualifying for the third time in four seasons, as they travel to Buckinghamshire to face Beaconsfield SYCOB, a team who ply their trade two levels below the Saints.

It looks a tougher ask on paper for Kettering, however, as the Poppies, of the Southern Premier League, face a club from two divisions above them in the shape of the National League's Solihull Moors.

The draw for the first round proper of the FA Cup will be made next Monday.



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BIG EFFORT: Saints will face a tough physical battle against a huge Montpellier pack on Saturday evening

SAINTS

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Director of rugby Jim Mallinder knows that Northampton Saints can't afford to have any areas of weakness when they take on a powerful Montpellier side in their opening game in the European Champions Cup.

Saints certainly won't want to repeat their listless display in last Saturday's 20-9 defeat against Harlequins, in which they couldn't land a blow on their opponents in the second half.

In Montpellier, Saints will be up against an outfit that is heavily influenced by its sizeable contin-

gent of South African players, which includes Springboks Bismarck Du Plessis, Pierre Spies and Francois Steyn.

Europe represents a fresh start for Northampton, who've experienced a difficult start to their Premiership campaign, but getting off to a good one on Saturday evening is imperative.

Mallinder said: "We can't rely on George North, we can't rely on Louis Picamoles to win us the game – we need all 15 players to be on top of their game. When you play quality opposition, such as Montpellier, you've got to have everybody playing well."

Montpellier won last season's European Challenge Cup and reached the semi-finals of the Top 14 play-offs with a straightfor-

ward game plan of over-powering their opponents and dominating territorially.

The fact that they boast 20-stone Fiji winger Nemani Nadolo amongst their back line also makes them a considerable threat in attack, meaning Northampton can't afford to play to the French club's strengths.

Mallinder said: "I don't think you'd want to go into a proper arm-wrestle against a team like Montpellier and you don't want a slow arm-wrestle battle."

"You've got to play rugby against them and we've proven we can do that this year – we certainly did it against Wasps, we did it at times against Exeter and what we'll need to do is [play] that type of rugby. We have to play some rugby

for 80 minutes on Saturday. If you're at home you definitely want to start with a win because if you don't get that win you're up against it for the rest of the campaign."

What helps Mallinder is that his squad is full of Champions Cup experience, which is often recognised as being the next step down from international rugby.

Like Montpellier, they've plenty of battle-hardened players who know what to expect come the weekend.

Mallinder said: "If you look at our players in the team, we've got a good team and it's just a question of gelling on the night and making sure all 15 players are on the same page and playing for that full 80 minutes."

COBBLERS

Moloney is keen to keep up fine start

Brendan Moloney believes Northampton have handled the step up to League One really well so far, as the high-flying Cobblers prepare for what will surely be another tough examination against Millwall this weekend.

Northampton find themselves sixth in the table having lost just twice in the opening 12 fixtures of their first campaign in English football's third tier since 2008/09.

Rob Page's side gave one of the biggest indications so far of their development at this level last week, when they deservedly claimed a 1-1 draw at leaders Scunthorpe, despite playing with ten men for half an hour against the top scorers in the EFL.

Moloney said on the step up: "I think when you switch off and give teams chances they might take it, whereas maybe last year teams wouldn't."

"You can't give sloppy goals away and you can't give teams chances because if you do they'll punish you, but I think, this year, we've coped really well with it."

"Defensively we've been very good and we're creating a lot of chances, so if we'll keep that up we'll be fine."

"Obviously we conceded sloppy goals against Bristol Rovers and maybe that's the first time this season that's happened. We'll learn from it and hopefully it won't happen again."

When asked what Northampton can expect from Millwall, Moloney said: "They're a very strong team – maybe things haven't gone their way yet this season, but they are a strong team with very good players."

"They were in the play-offs last year, so we know that if we're not at it they'll cause us problems."

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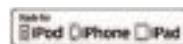
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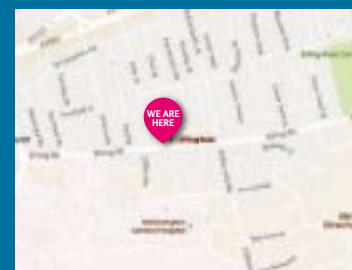
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